

SC Department of Employment and Workforce NEWS RELEASE

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SC Department of Employment and Workforce Executive Director Abraham J. Turner's Statement on the State's September Unemployment Rate:

Unemployment Rate Falls to 9.1 Percent in September down a Half Percent from August

Largest Unemployment Rate Decrease Since 1983

"Today's announcement about the drop in the unemployment rate is a welcome change," said Abraham J. Turner, executive director of the SC Department of Employment and Workforce. "In September, we saw the largest over-the-month employment increase since January 2007; therefore, I am confident that with the help of businesses in the Palmetto state and the continued hard work of DEW employees, we will ensure that every South Carolinian who wants a job, gets a job," Turner said.

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